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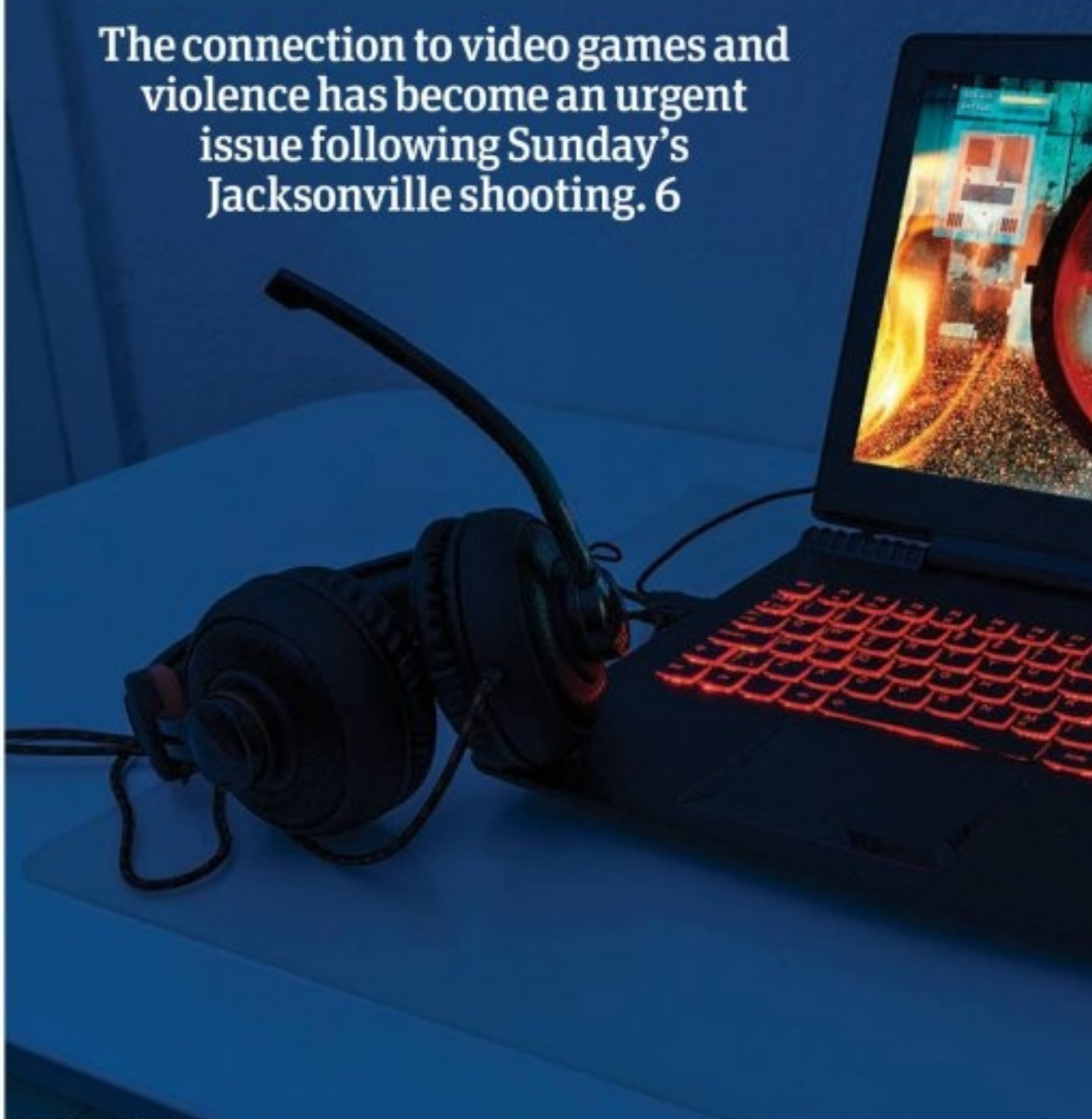
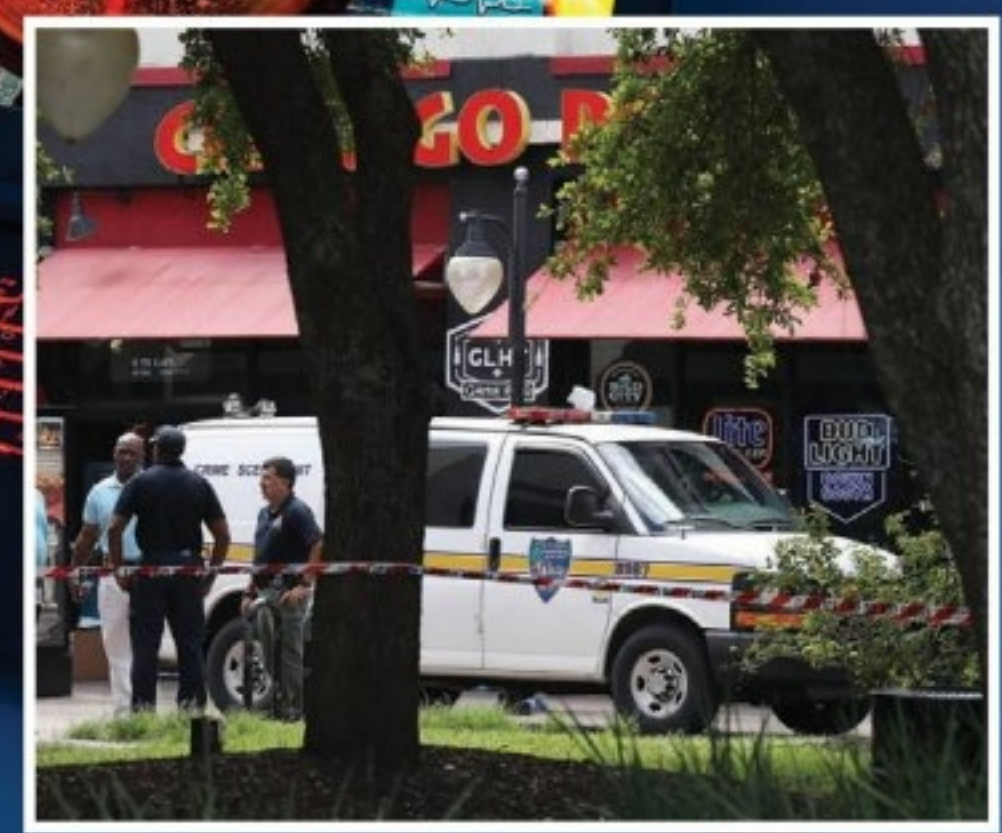
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THINGS TO KNOW



JOHAN ALFORD, SPORTS EDITOR

Are the Eagles really panicking in the preseason? Possibly, depending on who you ask. The defending Super Bowl champs haven't had a great preseason by anyone's standards. The offense has looked horrific, with reigning Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles struggling and still no definite word on when Carson Wentz will return. However, columnist Glen Macnow quells Eagles fans' fears in his column: Just relax folks, it's only preseason. Let's worry on Sept. 6 against the Atlanta Falcons. For Macnow's column, check out page 18 and go to metro.us for Eagles coverage.

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POMPEO'S N. KOREA VISIT CALLED OFF BY TRUMP

President Donald Trump called off a visit to North Korea by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo after the latter received a belligerent letter from a senior North Korean official just hours after the trip was announced last week, the Washington Post reported on Monday. The Post quoted two unnamed senior U.S. administration officials as saying the letter came on Friday from Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party Central Committee, who led previous rounds of talks with Pompeo.

The newspaper said the exact contents of the message were unclear, but it was sufficiently belligerent that Trump and Pompeo decided to call off the journey. The planned trip had been announced the previous day for this week and Pompeo had intended to introduce a newly named special envoy, Stephen Biegun, to his North Korean counterparts. The White House referred queries on the Washington Post report to the State Department, which did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

UN: MYANMAR GENERALS TO BE TRIED FOR GENOCIDE

Myanmar's military carried out mass killings and gang rapes of Muslim Rohingya with "genocidal intent," and the commander-in-chief and five generals should be prosecuted for the gravest crimes under international law, United Nations investigators said. A report by investigators was the first time the United Nations has explicitly called for Myanmar officials to face genocide charges over their campaign against the Rohingya, and is likely to deepen the country's isolation. The investigators called for the U.N. Security

Council to impose an arms embargo on Myanmar, subject its officials to targeted sanctions and set up an ad hoc tribunal to try suspects or refer them to the International Criminal Court in the Hague. The report also could serve as a major catalyst for change in how the world's big social media companies handle hate speech in parts of the world where they have limited direct presence but their platforms command huge influence. The investigators sharply criticized Facebook for letting its platform be used to incite violence and hatred.



'WEIRD AL' YANKOVIC HONORED WITH STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

"Weird Al" Yankovic is honored with star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Monday in Los Angeles. During his speech, Yankovic told the audience, "Please don't pickaxe my star. I know it's all the rage these days, but that's not cool," in reference to President Donald Trump's recently vandalized star.

VOLCANO ERUPTION ROCKS PAPUA NEW GUINEA

An island volcano on the north coast of Papua New Guinea erupted early on Saturday, forcing 2,000 villagers to flee from lava flows, the National Disaster Centre said. Manam Island, just 6 miles wide, is one of the Pacific nation's most active volcanoes and is home to roughly 9,000 people. Three villages were directly in the path of the lava flow and residents had to be evacuated to safer ground, Martin Mose, director of the PNG National Disaster Centre, told Reuters by phone. The Rabaul Volcano Observatory (RVO)

reported the eruption began at 6 a.m. local time, sending an ash column 50,000 feet above sea level. The ash falls were so heavy that trees broke under the weight, the RVO said in an information bulletin. "The most affected areas are Baliau and Kuluguma and due to the very poor visibility caused by the ash fall, people are using torch light to move around," it said. The RVO's Steve Saunders said it was an unusually large eruption. "There are no casualties as far as we know but we are telling people to keep away from valleys for risk of mud flows."

BAN EXTENDED OF 3-D PRINTED GUN BLUEPRINTS

A U.S. federal judge on Monday extended a ban on the online distribution of 3-D printed gun blueprints, a win for a group of mainly Democratic-led states that said such a publication would violate their right to regulate firearms as well as endanger their residents. U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik in Seattle issued the extension of a nationwide injunction, blocking a Texas-based group from disseminating files for printing plastic weapons on the internet. Lasnik's prior order, issued on July 31, blocked the release of the blueprints hours before they were set to hit the internet. That

ban was due to expire on Tuesday and the new one will remain in place until the case is resolved. Monday's decision blocks a settlement between the Trump administration and Defense Distributed, a group that argues access to the online blueprints is guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution's First and Second Amendments, which protect free speech and the right to bear arms, respectively. A group of 19 U.S. states and the District of Columbia sued the U.S. government in July, arguing that publishing the blueprints would allow criminals easy access to weapons.



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Julian Angelucci, 11, died May 18 after his bike collided with an SUV in South Philly. No criminal charges will be filed against the driver. PROVIDED

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DA: No charges against driver in crash that killed 11-year-old

An investigation showed 11-year-old Julian Angelucci's bicycle struck the driver's car from the side.



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An 11-year-old's death after colliding with a vehicle in South Philly in May while the boy, Julian Angelucci, was riding his bike will not result in any criminal charges, the Philadelphia DA's office announced.

That decision was made based on several factors, prosecutors said, including that evidence showed Julian's bike hit the car from the side — he was not himself hit by the vehicle — and the fact that the driver stayed at the scene, and was not speeding at the time.

“The bicyclist hit the car near the hinge of the car's front door as the car drove out of the intersection.”
Philly DA Office

“The impact with the bicyclist occurred on the driver's side of the vehicle,” the Philly DA's office said in a statement. “The bicyclist hit the car near the hinge of the car's front door as the car drove out of the intersection of 10th Street and Shunk Street.”

The May 18 collision occurred as Julian Angelucci, a 4th-grader at D. Newlin Fell Elementary School, was riding his bicycle down the sidewalk and into the intersection at 10th and Shunk streets.

The driver, who was headed westbound in a Mazda CX-9 SUV, did a “rolling stop” at about 21 MPH in a 25 MPH zone, and while driving out of

the intersection, came into contact with Julian's bicycle.

Despite initial reports that the driver had left the scene of the collision, prosecutors found that she actually stayed on scene and called 911 multiple times, but due to chaos and confusion as first responders dealt with the scene of the crash, chose to turn herself in one hour after the crash at a nearby police station.

Anthony Voci, chief of homicide at the DA's office, said 6ABC's news chopper captured video evidence proving the driver stayed at the scene for a period of time before leaving to turn herself in.

“We obtained the aerial footage from your television station and we actually saw that the driver of the SUV was on scene following the accident,” Voci told 6ABC. “There was nothing in her conduct that could be deemed criminal.”

Some criticism was mounted over the fact that the driver, who has not been publicly identified, was not prosecuted for “rolling through” the stop sign, a technically illegal move that is practiced almost universally around Philadelphia.

Family members of Julian blasted the verdict on social media, posted pictures of the involuntary manslaughter statute, and said they still believe the driver is criminally responsible. They told 6ABC that they would pursue legal counsel regarding further steps.

But Voci met with the family on Aug. 24 to express his condolences and explain the office's decision, the Philly DA's office said in a statement.

“This young man's death was tragic,” the DA's office said. “The gathering and analysis of this incident's evidence was a lengthy process, but it was necessary to make sure the office's charging decision was made correctly after considering all of the available information and evidence.”

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'Gamer rage' explored as cause of violence after 'Madden' mass shooting

The mass shooting at a video game tournament in Florida has led to concerns that so-called "gamer rage" could be a root cause of violence.



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After a 5-month-old baby girl died in early 2018 in Coatesville, Pa. from traumatic brain injuries, police began to interrogate her father, who was the last person to see her alive.

Zion Isaiah Shockley, 18, told detectives he attacked his daughter due to "gamer rage" after a fellow "Call of Duty" player told him he was a "failure at the game." Shockley, now awaiting

trial on first-degree murder charges, listed his profession on Facebook as "video gamer."

While the "Call of Duty"-related infanticide may have seemed like an isolated incident, after Sunday's mass shooting in Jacksonville during a video game tournament, the issue of gamer rage and the connection between video games and violent conduct is becoming more urgent than ever. Some are asking if game tournaments need better

"In the world of competitive video games, mental health issues loom so large and come up so often."

Tyler Erzberg



A Jacksonville Sheriff officer walks past the GLHF Game Bar where three people including the gunman were killed and at least nine wounded during a video game tournament. GETTY IMAGES

security or if the culture of harsh talk between players is leading to unhealthy reactions by players.

"In the world of competitive video games, mental health issues loom so large and come up so often that the problem somehow becomes invisible," wrote Tyler Erzberg in a column on mental health and games

just days before the Jacksonville shooting. "The best video game players are not only lauded for their specific skills on a controller or mouse, but also for their steely minds, which are purportedly capable of withstanding the harsh judgment and pressure that seems to emanate from every angle of their lives."

Sunday's shooter was identified as gamer David Katz, 24, of Baltimore, who reportedly opened fire at a Madden 19 Tournament at the GLHF Game Bar. He killed two — Elijah Clayton, 22, a video game champ from California known as "Trueboy," and Taylor Robertson, 27, aka "Spot-Me" — and wounded at least nine before taking his own life.

Katz reportedly had just been booted from the tournament before opening fire on his fellow players. It is unknown if any fellow players had been "trash-talking" or deriding Katz before he began firing on fellow gamers.

Court records obtained by The Associated Press show that Katz previously had been hospitalized for mental illness, and according to his parents' divorce pa-

pers, hospitalized twice in psychiatric facilities and prescribed both anti-psychotic and anti-depressant medications.

Global "esports," the international online gaming tournaments, are expected to lead to \$1 billion in spending and reach an audience of some 380 million people, says market research group NewZoo, with popular titles ranging from "Madden" and "Call of Duty" to "Pokemon" and "NBA 2K."

Some companies, like Blizzard, Ubisoft, and Riot Games, have taken steps to cut down on toxic trash-talk, like adding features to their games that encourage players to compliment each other or banning players who use slurs or hateful language. But some critics question if these steps go far enough to combat gamer rage.

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President Trump makes announcement as U.S., Mexico reach NAFTA trade deal. GETTY IMAGES

US, Mexico reach NAFTA deal, turn up pressure on Canada

Canada is still not onboard the new agreement just yet.

The United States and Mexico agreed on Monday to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), putting pressure on Canada to agree to new terms on auto trade and dispute settlement rules to remain part of the three-nation pact.

Auto stocks soared and the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq rallied to record highs on the expectation that Canada would sign onto the deal and ease the economic uncertainty caused by President Donald Trump's repeated threats to ditch the 1994 accord.

Details of gains and concessions in the deal were only starting to emerge on Monday. Trump threatened he still could put tariffs on Canadian-made cars if Canada did not join its neighbors and warned he expected concessions on Canada's dairy protections.

sure on the Mexican peso MXN and the Canadian dollar CAD. Both currencies gained against the U.S. dollar after Monday's announcement.

The political stakes are high for all three countries. Trump and Republicans in the U.S. Congress up for re-election in November want to ensure farmers and other voters whose jobs depend on trade with Canada and Mexico that the deal is sealed.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto wants to sign the agreement before leaving office at the end of November, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau faces a national election expected by October 2019.

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland is expected to travel to Washington for talks on Tuesday. Her spokesman said Canada would sign only a new agreement that is good for the country.

Trump spoke with Trudeau on Monday, his economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters. The deal with Mexico should serve as a "reset" for talks with Canada, Kudlow said.

Officials said they hope Canada will agree to the terms by Friday, when the White House plans to notify Congress formally that Trump will sign the deal in 90 days. Congress has to approve it.

"There are still issues with Canada but I think they could be resolved very quickly," a senior trade official told Reuters in an interview.

If talks with Canada are not wrapped up by the end of this week, Trump plans to notify Congress that he has reached a deal with Mexico, but would be open to Canada joining, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer told reporters.

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White House wobbles on US flag after McCain death

The White House lowered its U.S. flag to half-staff, raised it back up and on Monday lowered it again after the death of Sen. John McCain, in an unusual and confusing break with protocol on the passing of a national leader.

McCain, a prisoner of war in Vietnam, longtime U.S. senator from Arizona and 2008 Republican presidential nominee, died of brain cancer on Saturday at age 81. That prompted many Americans to lower flags to half-staff, a traditional gesture of honor.

But President Donald Trump, who had clashed with fellow Republican McCain over various issues and said during his campaign that the senator was "not a war hero," wavered in his approach to what presidents normally treat as a gesture of courtesy and respect.

Trump's White House lowered its flag on Saturday, then raised it back following the minimum period under law. Trump also delayed issuing the customary proclamation for flags to remain at half-staff for longer than the two-day minimum.

Finally, under pressure from veterans and members of Congress, Trump said in a statement later on Monday that he respected McCain's service to the nation and ordered flags to half-staff.

"Despite our differences on policy and politics, I respect Senator John McCain's service to our country and, in his honor, have signed a proclamation to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff until the day of his interment," Trump said.

In the interim, through most of Monday, confusion reigned across the federal government, with flags flying at half-staff over the U.S. Capitol and at hundreds of national parks, but at full-staff over the Pentagon and the U.S. Supreme

Court.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security had issued a government-wide notification after McCain's death to lower flags at U.S. facilities but rescinded it on Monday, leaving the decision to staff at individual sites, according to an official.

"The American Legion urges the White House to follow long-established protocol following the death of prominent government officials," Denise Rohan, national commander of the veterans group, said in a message to Trump on its Facebook page. The Legion described McCain as a "cherished member."

Presidents normally follow Congress' lead on the death of a prominent lawmaker and order flags lowered until sunset on the day of burial. Critics of the president saw his reticence as a final slight against McCain.

"I doubt you could find a comparable situation where the president doesn't order the flag flown at half-mast until the funeral," said John Lawrence, history professor at the University of California's Washington Center.

"The disparity between the Congress and White House policy is obviously noticeable and somewhat shocking."

McCain was a frequent Trump critic and his family has said he did not want the president to attend his funeral.

A family spokesman issued a farewell statement from McCain in which he said of the United States: "We weaken our greatness when we confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries. ... We weaken it when we hide behind walls, rather than tear them down, when we doubt the power of our ideals, rather than trust them to be the great force for change they have always been." **REUTERS**



Trump White House resumes flag tribute to McCain after criticism. GETTY IMAGES

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Indonesia bans booze at athletes' villages

Athletes competing in the Asian Games in Indonesia have been banned from consuming alcohol in their accommodations in the host cities of Jakarta and Palembang, officials said on Monday.

Athletes who had lost their events, or were no longer com-

peting, had a habit of turning to alcohol, said Harry Warganegara, deputy of sports at the Indonesian Asian Games Organizing Committee.

Muslim-majority Indonesia imposes high rates of tax on imported alcohol, but it is widely available in cities and tourist areas. **REUTERS**

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Cohen trolls OJ in series grand finale

Simpson thought he was being interviewed by a TV show for rich people.



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Sacha Baron Cohen trolled O.J. Simpson during the grand finale of his Showtime comedy series, "Who is America?" and it was just as weird as you can imagine.

In Sunday's final episode, Cohen disguised himself as an Italian billionaire playboy, fashion photographer and TV host named Gio Monaldo to interview former football star, former actor and former murder suspect O.J. Simpson for a show called "The Diamond Life." Cohen traveled to Las Vegas to meet with him.

Before the interview, Monaldo described Simpson as "an American hero and women's rights activist." During the interview, a woman playing Cohen's

girlfriend Christina pretended to not recognize Simpson until Cohen made a stabbing motion to her neck.

"She knows that, oh Jesus!" Simpson said. "Help me!" Simpson said, while laughing.

Simpson called Christina "gorgeous," and Monaldo agreed and replied, "You can enjoy her, just don't ..." while making a stabbing gesture again.

When Christina left the room, Cohen's character then said, "She's gorgeous, but sometimes I want to kill her," adding that he wanted to "send her on a private helicopter tour over the Grand Canyon."

Monaldo high-fived Simpson, who was laughing and telling Monaldo to "stop."

Cohen's character goes a step further by saying he wants to meet Johnnie Cochran, the lawyer who represented Simpson during the 1995 Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman murder trial. Simpson goes on to explain that



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"We got something in common. We're both, how you say it — lady killers."

Sacha Baron Cohen

Cochran is dead.

"What, you didn't kill him too, did you?" Monaldo asked.

Simpson, still laughing, tells Monaldo to stop again.

"Me and you, we got something in common," Baron Cohen said. "We're both, how you say

it — lady killers," Cohen said in a thick Italian accent.

Simpson waved his hands and said "no" while still laughing. He added, "No, I didn't kill nobody."

Cohen has disguised himself as different characters during the season and has gone after big names including Ted Koppel, Bernie Sanders, Roy Moore and Georgia politician Jason Spencer, who was forced to resign after Cohen, who was portraying an Israeli military officer, convinced him to shout racial slurs during counterterrorism strategy training.

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NFL, NFLPA resume anthem dialogue

Members of the NFL executive committee and NFL Players Association met Monday in East Rutherford, New Jersey, to resume discussions designed to establish a policy or universal protocol for the national anthem.

"Today, we continued our productive dialogue on the issues that players have raised awareness about and we remain committed to working together on solutions," the sides said in a joint statement released Monday afternoon. "In the spirit of our ongoing collaboration and progress, we will continue the confidentiality of our discussions."

Owners and active players were at the table again after the NFL touted progress two weeks ago.

Los Angeles Chargers offensive tackle Russell Okung tweeted earlier Monday: "At today's meeting between @NFLPA reps & @NFL execs/owners, I plan to share this viral video of



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@RepBetoORourke being asked if NFL players kneeling is disrespectful. The tone he sets makes me proud to be a Texan & gives me hope that a productive dialogue is possible."

O'Rourke is running for U.S. Senate in Texas opposite Ted Cruz. At a town hall meeting last week, O'Rourke reasoned "I can think of nothing more American" in a detailed response to a question about how he felt about NFL players kneeling during the national anthem.

"I'm looking forward to today's meeting in

NYC," Okung continued via Twitter. "I believe this face-to-face conversation is pivotal & will determine if meaningful progress will be made. Critically, I hope we can stop avoiding the conversation that @RepBetoORourke so eloquently encouraged us to have."

In March, owners announced a new policy that required players to either remain in the locker room during the playing of the anthem or stand to show respect.

The policy, which stated players could be fined for violations, was quickly scuttled as the NFLPA resisted the measure not being collectively bargained.

President Donald Trump continues to speak up on his belief that all players should stand at attention during the anthem. Some owners, including Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys and Bob McNair of the Houston Texans, have strongly endorsed that position. **REUTERS**

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Scorpio Be more diverse in how you do things. There is always a cheaper and more efficient way to bring about change. Choose moderation and simplicity in all your pursuits.

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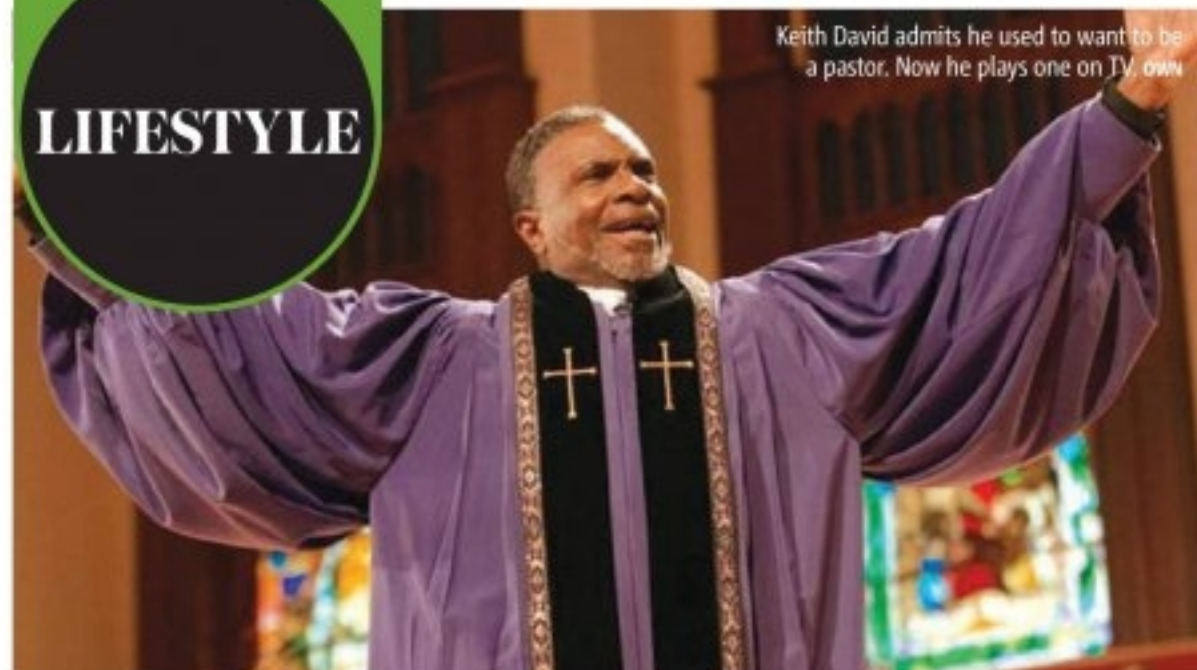
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Keith David admits he used to want to be a pastor. Now he plays one on TV. OWN

Keith David on spirituality and 'Greenleaf' season 3

Whenever Keith David speaks, a flood of memories from watching various movies, television shows and documentaries may bombard you. That's because the acclaimed actor has appeared in everything from John Carpenter's classic "They Live" to the '90s cartoon "Gargoyles."

In the Oprah Winfrey-produced "Greenleaf," the third season of which debuts with a two-night premiere Tuesday and Wednesday on OWN, David's recognizably soothing voice and commanding presence help him bring to life yet another iconic role, that of the titular Bishop James Greenleaf. Yet it also speaks to the actor's own personal sense of spirituality, which stems from another calling earlier in his life.

"I used to want to be a minister," says David. "So in that sense, I'm living my dream. I'm fulfilling a fantasy. I don't know if I have the wherewithal to really be a preacher,

because it is a different kind of scrutiny that you have to live under. There's a different standard that one gives oneself because of the task one has, or the call one has chosen to answer. There is a huge responsibility when one really takes it seriously."

David confesses that

"You can learn how to forgive yourself, because that is a great lesson that we all, as human beings, really need to learn."

playing the maligned leader of a predominantly African-American megachurch in Memphis, who is also facing turbulent relations with his family,

has had a strong impact on his own spirituality. Sure enough, "Greenleaf" season 3 sees the bishop facing new temptations and not always confronting them successfully.

And that, the actor explains, is where forgiveness plays a role — not only in trying to assuage the tensions experienced by the Greenleaf family, but in real life as well.

"There are a lot of things that one's ego will tell you," he says. "I can never forgive you for that! If you were to do that to me, I could never forgive you! Some people could take that as an excuse to mess up time after time, but if you use the good sense that God gave you, you won't take advantage of that. Instead, you can learn from each lesson. You can learn how to forgive yourself, because that is a great lesson that we all, as human beings, really need to learn."

Greenleaf season 3 premieres Aug. 28 and 29 on OWN. ANDREW HUSBAND



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Disco king Giorgio Moroder brings the beats to Philly

The man who invented dance music keeps the comeback rolling.



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With the recently released soundtrack to the USA Network crime-thriller "Queen of the South," the original cast recording of Broadway's "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" and a full-blown DJ event with Dave Kiss Presents — "Discoteca" — that brings him to the Trocadero on Aug. 30, Giorgio Moroder's comeback is in full swing.

Then again, the legendary disco king behind Donna Summer's greatest '70s dance hits has been working toward this return since 2015's "Déjà Vu," Moroder's first solo album in 23 years. He has even appeared as an opening act DJ for electronic groups such as Disco Biscuits and appeared during mega-monster dance mu-

sic festivals around the globe. Pretty good for a 78-year-old gentleman who had never really toured before this last decade.

"It's very different now, as there are so many people involved with each production — co-writers, co-editors — that it is hard to conjure up a seduction," says the synth-and-sequencer

much from when it was just me and maybe Pete Bellotte in a sound studio. There were no such things as vocal producers and executive producers. There was one producer. But, I am happy the way it is now. You really have to be, as there is no way back."

The "way back" includes more recent collaborations with Daft Punk (on their multi-platinum "Random Access Memories"), and legendary production and writing work with David Bowie ("Putting Out the Fire"), Blondie ("Call Me") and film scores, including three Academy Award winners. The first came for his score to the 1978 film "Midnight Express." The second recognized was Irene Cara's inspirational hit, "Flashdance... What a Feeling," from the film "Flashdance." Lastly, "Take My Breath Away" from the film "Top Gun," brought him his third Academy Award.

Though he worked with Bowie and Queen's Freddie Mercury, it is the sound of a woman's voice



master when asked if he is truly making albums and singles differently today than he did 30 years ago.

"It is not so intimate, now," Moroder says in his still-thick Italian accent. "It has changed so



The party never stops for the godfather of dance music.



Giorgio Moroder will perform in Philly on Thursday. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

that always made his music purr, in the past with Deborah Harry, and on "Déjà Vu," with Charli XCX, Sia, Kylie Minogue and Britney Spears.

"I don't know, maybe it is the sex feeling, the sensuality of the female voice against my melodies," says Moroder. "I can't think of too many guys who can do it. I mean, in the old days, you had the Village People, but ... A woman has a more pleasant, sexier sound. They project the image of sexiness better."

Of course, there is no one like Summer, with whom Moroder forged his most dynamic, signature sound, one that

was as robotic as it was sensual. "With Donna, it was an accident, as Pete and I were working on a project and needed women without English accents to sing. We found her. She did a great job. I also said that when I had something great for her, that I was going to call her. That was 'Love To Love You Baby.'"

Before 2013 and Daft Punk, however, Moroder was happily retired, out of the music game ("Lived through 'death to disco,' remember"), and on to a life of neon-art crafting and leisurely travel. "I did some composition for one of the Olympics, but I was out of the game,"

he says, laughing. "Then, I did dip a toe in doing some DJ work, and then came the Daft Punk success. That really spurred me on. Changed my mind. I thought a modern dance record with some retro disco could work. I didn't want to rely on the past."

Neither did Philadelphia-based party producer Dave Kiss want to pull exclusively from Moroder's past for his "Discooteca" event. "Moroder's music is the very definition of timeless," says Kiss. "He made music from and for the future in the past, and that will be influential for generations to come."



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Why John Cho originally rejected 'Searching'

"I didn't want to make a YouTube video. I wanted to make a movie."



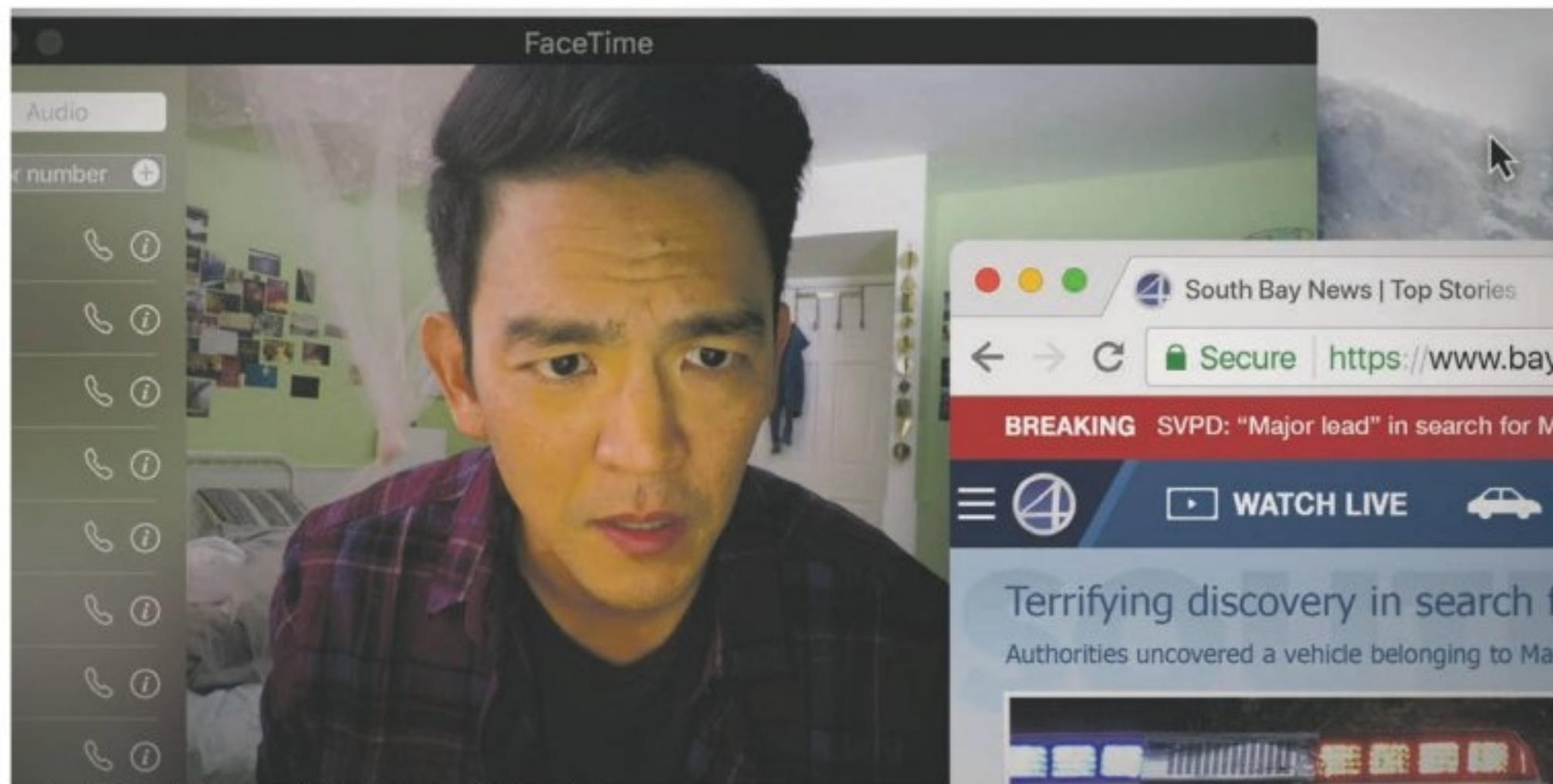
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"Searching" was met with widespread acclaim after it premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January. Told almost entirely from a computer screen, audiences waxed lyrical about the story of John Cho's David Kim trying to find his missing daughter Margot through her web history, and in the process discovering various mysterious details about her.

But one person who didn't originally see the potential in Aneesh Chaganty and Sev Ohanian's script for "Searching" was Cho himself. Even though it was a script and genre that Cho has long been a fan of, the actor initially rejected director Chaganty's approach.

"The bump was how they wanted to do it, which was on screens," explains Cho. "That wasn't something that I was particularly into."

"I did pass at first. But then Aneesh came back at me. Because I didn't want to make a YouTube video. I wanted to make a movie. And he then convinced me that that was what we were making," he added. "I didn't want



It took a while for John Cho to get on board with the concept for "Searching." SCREEN GEMS

it to be a stunt, to put it on the screen. I thought it would diminish the cinematic experience, being on the small screens."

There was another reason why Cho turned Chaganty down.

"I will say that part of the problem was, when I had my conversation with Aneesh, the director-writer, it was over the phone," he says. "I think we didn't really connect because it was through this device, and it wasn't until we got face to face. Because he reached back out and said that he want-

ed to meet me again."

Cho adds, "It was his force of personality that made me say, 'I think we have a shot at doing this. And if anyone does, this guy does.'"

Once Cho had finally signed up to star in "Searching," he quickly formed a tight bond with Chaganty, especially because he had had to take a huge "leap of faith" with what was being captured.

"Normally, I think I am much more involved. That is to say, that I am always very involved with

a director," says Cho. "But in this case I had to trust him. I had to say, 'Did we get it? Are we there?' a lot more to him."

"I had to rely on his opinion a lot more because there was so much that I couldn't see. Even on the day, when I was having conversations with people, I didn't see anything that was on the screen," he adds. "It was all just unlike anything that I had done before, so I felt like I wasn't in control of my performance in the way that I like to feel I am

in control of my performance."



Despite his initial concerns and the required adjustment, it was all

worth it for Cho, who is overjoyed with how "Searching" has turned out.

"I was just happy I said yes. Because the movie really works," says Cho. "I am really happy to be a part of, let me put it this way: it is really hard to be a part of anything unique in cinema."

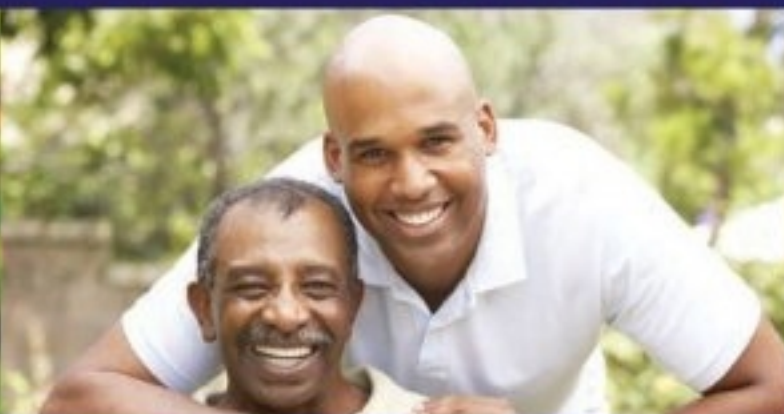
"It is a movie that we couldn't have made 10 years ago," he adds. "I just feel like this is the first possible moment to make a movie like this."

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'The Little Stranger' director on why his ghost story is 'not a horror film'

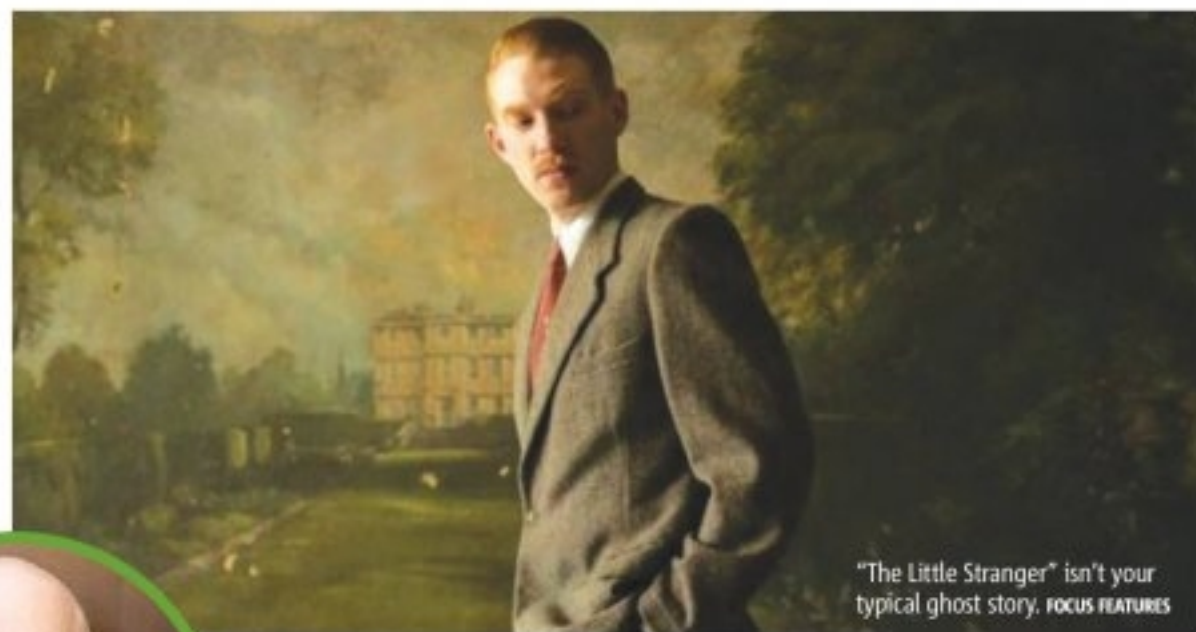
Lenny Abrahamson talks us through his spooky follow-up to "Room."



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Lenny Abrahamson was adamant that he wouldn't adapt another novel after directing "Room," but the Academy Award-nominated director soon discovered that, once the right story sinks its teeth into the right director's consciousness, they will stop at nothing to get that film made.

Even before "Room," Abrahamson had registered his ambition to make "The Little Stranger," which revolves around country doctor Faraday (Domhnall Gleeson) tending to war veteran Roderick Ayres (Will Poulter) at the previously illustrious Hundreds Hall, which has since fallen into decline. Despite the best efforts of matriarch Angela (Charlotte Rampling) and daughter Caroline (Ruth Wilson),



"The Little Stranger" isn't your typical ghost story. FOCUS FEATURES

the same could also be said of the rest of the Ayres family. Yet, even though their issues are obvious, Faraday still finds himself attracted to the family and the Hall.

We caught up with Abrahamson to chat "The Little Stranger" and why he believes his ghost story isn't really a horror movie.

This feels like a very different horror film compared to the usual entries to the genre. It is hard to shake off the horror film label. But it

is not a horror film. It is much more of a psychologically sinister kind of drama. It harks back to an earlier variety of movies. The horror genre has become turbo-charged in recent years. It is like, "How far up to 11 can we turn this?" And we go against that. It is much quieter than those movies. It is not full of jump scares. It uses those ideas to help you understand the characters. So, like everything I have done, it is about the people. And the scary stuff is scary because of what is going on in those characters. It is not some monster from outside. It is about what is inside those characters, and how that is reflected

back out into the world in this rather disturbing way.

So, do you actually believe in the supernatural at all?

No, I am not interested in that stuff at all. I am a complete skeptic. I don't believe in any such thing. I love the story, though. I have always loved atmospheric filmmaking. Even after making the film I am still as skeptical as I was before. But I think the reason why people are drawn to those stories is interesting. I think they address and express fears that we all have and are rooted.

"The Little Stranger" opens in theaters Aug. 31.

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Foles and the Eagles offense had a brutal showing last Thursday against Cleveland.

if Carson Wentz isn't ready (my hunch: Wentz plays).

But notice before you panic that Doug Pederson didn't dial up any of the run-pass option plays that Foles excels at. There were no game plans, no diversion, and no new stuff. Coach Doug's playbook could have been written on a cocktail napkin.

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Veterans who haven't played in this summer's games include Darren Sproles, Jason Peters, Alshon Jeffery, Nelson Agholor and, of course, Wentz. Most are projected to be ready for the opener.

If they're not — specifically if Halapoulivaati Vaitai is protecting the QB's blind side — you may break into the sweats.

But if most regulars are back, the only concern is whether they can quickly mesh into last year's 13-3 juggernaut.



Here's a hunch that Carson Wentz will be good to go in Week 1.

To be candid, I expect it may take a game or two, and won't be shocked if the raising of the championship banner at the home opener is marred by a loss to the Falcons.

But after that? The consensus this spring was that the Eagles have more talent headed

into 2018 than they did finishing 2017. I'm not abandoning that opinion because I watched Matt Jones and Bryce Treggs stumble around for the last three weeks.

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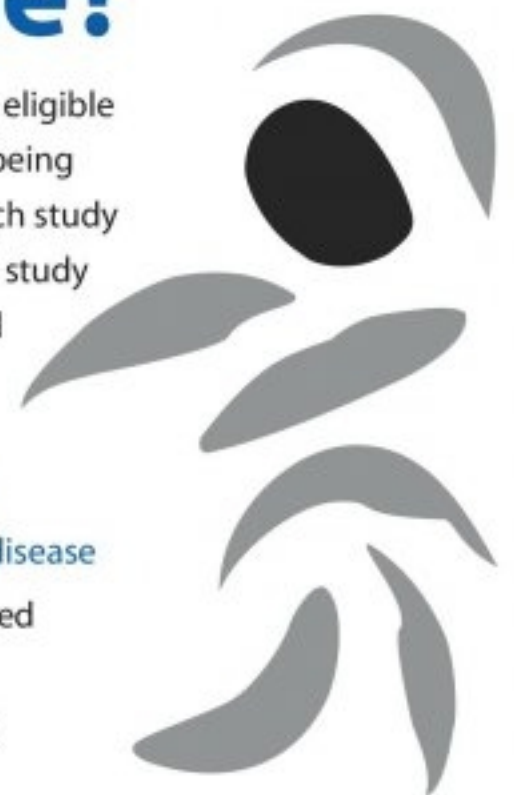
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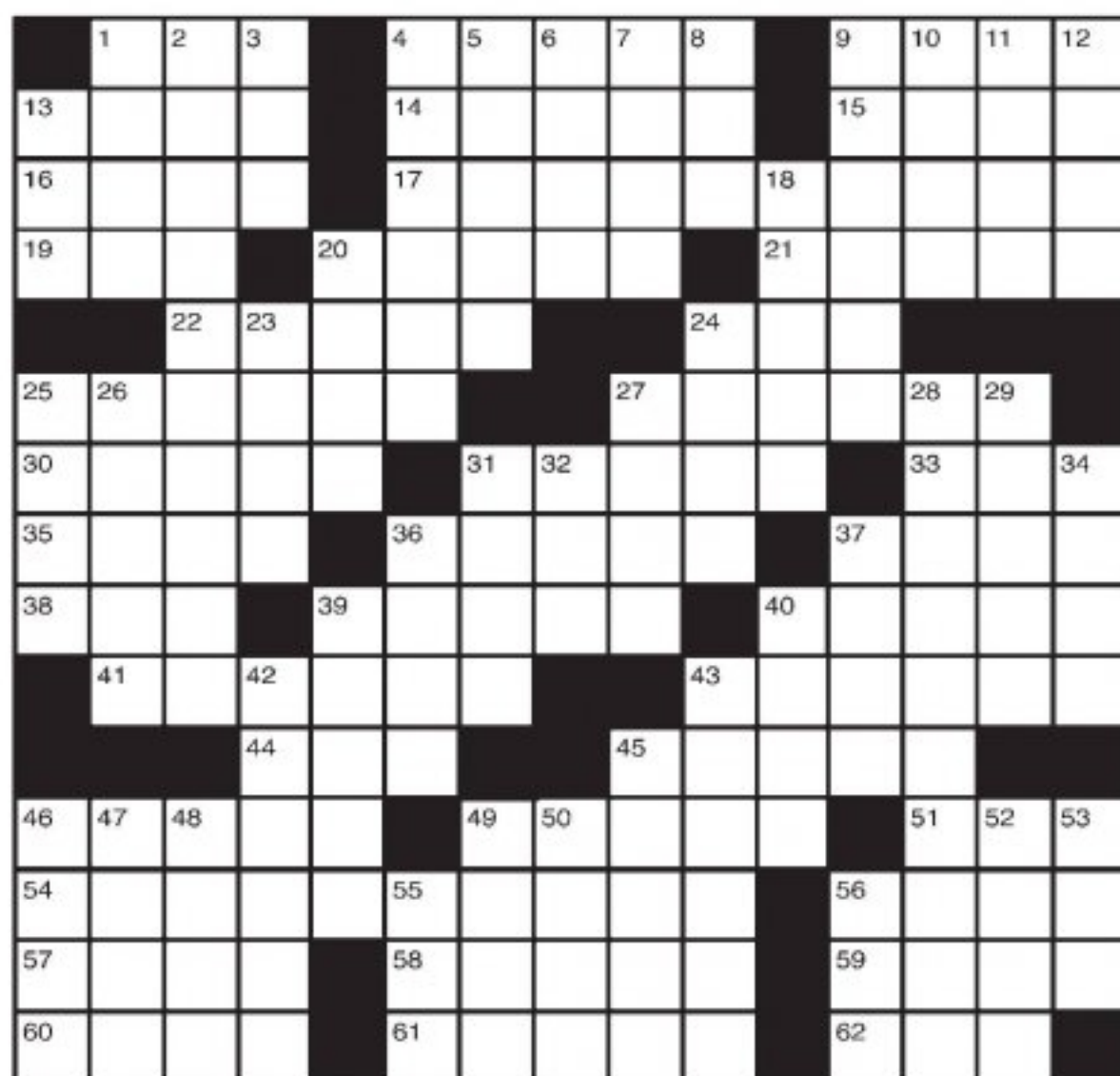
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